1. What is the anticipated budget for this evaluation project?

**The anticipated budget for each year is $40,000-$60,000.**

1. On page 4 of the RFP it states that initial reporting is due by March 2017.  Are we correct in assuming that this is in reference to the 2017 Phase III report due to OSEP on April 3?

**YES, this is in reference to the 2017 Phase III Report due to OSEP on April 3. The report would be due to CSDE by March 10, 2017 to allow for Editing/Formatting**.

1. Will the vendor be expected to collect data prior to this initial reporting deliverable?  If so, could some detail as to the type of data collection activities expected be provided?

**NO, the vendor will not be required to collect the data. The CSDE will provide the data to the vendor.**

1. Has the SERC/CSDE collected data during the 2016-17 school year that will be included in the 2017 Phase III report?  If so, what are these data and when/how will they be provided to the vendor?

**Yes, the CSDE/SERC has collected data which will be shared with the vendor. The available data includes Smarter Balanced/CSDE Accountability District Performance Indicator data (DPI), and qualitative data about activities related to the State Systemic Improvement Plan completed by CSDE thus far. Data will be provided to the vendor as soon as the vendor is determined.**

1. On page 7 of the RFP, it states that proposals will be reviewed and scored by February 21, 2017.  Given the initial reporting deadline of March 2017, can we assume this date is incorrect?

**The original date was scheduled for February to allow enough time for reading and scoring proposals. However, due to a short time frame for turning in the initial report, the proposals will be scored earlier so that the selected vendor can be notified by the end of January 2017.**

1. Will the vendor have primary responsibility for writing the SSIP Phase III Reports in both 2017 and 2018?  If not, could the SERC/CSDE please provide some detail as to the level of effort expected by the vendor?

**Yes, the vendor will have primary responsibility for writing these reports, and they will be completed in collaboration with CSDE around format and required elements for reporting.**

1. On page 7 of the RFP, it states that the evaluation team will produce and disseminate an annual summative evaluation report to project leaders.  Is this in addition to the SSIP Phase III Reports due annually to OSEP?  If so, what is the approximate timeline for each of these annual reports?

**No, it is not a separate report. It is the same report that will be submitted to OSEP.**

1. Page 6 of the RFP mentions two fidelity measures (Literacy Evaluation Tool, SRBI Self-Assessment).  In which districts (i.e., Tier 1, Tier 2, Tier 3) will these tools be implemented? What is the expected timeline in 2016-17 and 2017-18?  What will be the vendor’s role in implementing these tools (i.e., data collection, data analysis, reporting)?

**Tier 2 districts include12 districts. The CSDE/SERC will administer the District Literacy Evaluation Tool (DLET) to the districts and share data with the vendor. The vendor will analyze and report on the data. Please note for this current year, the DLET will not be part of the report and there will be limited reporting for 16-17 year because the DLET will be administered to districts in February and March 2017. Fidelity measures will be determined by district need for Tier 3 (e.g. SRBI Self-Assessment, smart goals, or additional district products (Tier 3 will include 6 districts selected from the twelve tier 2 districts)). The vendor may be required to collect and analyze this data for the 2017-18 year.**

1. Page 6 of the RFP mentions universal screens conducted by Tier 3 districts?  Are these data being systematically collected by the SERC/CSDE?  Is it expected that these data will be included as part of the SSIP evaluation?  If so, how will these data be provided to the vendor (i.e., student level data, aggregate data by school, district, etc.)?

**CSDE will be collecting universal screen data for tier 2 and tier 3 districts which will be provided to the vendor, aggregated by district.**

1. How many years of support will districts in Tier 2 receive?

**There are twelve tier 2 districts identified. The 6 districts not selected for tier 3 will receive up to one year of support and monitoring. For tier 3, 6 districts will be selected to receive up to 2 years of support and monitoring.**

1. What data and/or documents will districts in Tier 2 be asked to submit, and for how many years?  Tier 3?

**Tier 2 districts will submit their DPI and universal screen data for the 15-16 school year, as well as the completed DLET. The Tier 3 districts, in addition to the same data as tier 2, will also submit progress reporting data the following year, potential fidelity data, update on smart goals and other products created during the TA process. The tier 2 districts will submit data for up to 1 year, and the tier 3 districts will submit data and documents for up to two years.**

9)     Will the CSDE provide the ELA performance index data already calculated for the SIMR (i.e., ELA performance index for third grade students with disabilities)? How will the SIMR data be provided to the vendor (e.g.., student, school, district, and/or state level; disaggregated by variables of interest (race/ethnicity, disability)?

**The CSDE will provide the 3rd grade comparison of all students with disabilities and students without disabilities for each district. The data will not be disaggregated further and will be submitted for the district level. Data for the State of CT for 3rd grade students with disabilities and without disabilities will also be provided.**